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SUBJ: PRESS TREATMENT OF TURKISH AIR SPACE ANNOUNCEMENT

REF ATHENS 5473

1. ATHENS PRESS REPORTED PROMINENTLY AUGUST 8 TURKISH
ASSERTION OF CONTROL OVER AIR SPACE OF EASTERN AEGENA.
AKROPOLIS AND ELEFTHEROS COSMOS COVERED STORY WITH BLOCK
HEADLINES "TURKISH PROVOCATION IN AEGEAN AS GENEVA TALKS
BEGIN." TO VIMA REPORTED "MORE ARBITRARY ACTION OF
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TURKEY," WHILE AVGHI ON FRONTPAGE WROTE "TURKEY CLAIMS

CONTROL OVER E. AEGEAN, NEW PLAN OF EXPANSION BY
ANKARA SHARPENS CRISIS."

2. NEWS ARTICLES REPORTED THAT GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY
ANNOUNCED AUGUST 7 TURKISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
HAD ISSUED NOTICE REQUIRING ALL AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING
EASTERN AEGEAN TO REPORT FLIGHTS TO TURKISH AIR-TRAFFIC
CONTROL CENTER. PRESS QUOTED MFA AS DESCRIBING TURKISH
ACTION AS ARBITRARY AND IN CONTRAVENTION OF EXISTING
CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. MFA REPORTEDLY INDICATED GOG
HAS BROUGHT MATTER TO ATTENTION OF INTERESTED INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT "IN CASE FURTHER ACTION
IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE FLIGHT SAFETY, GREECE RESERVES
RIGHT TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR OBSERVANCE OF
ESTABLISHED RULES OF AIR TRAFFIC WITHIN AIR SPACE
CONTROLLED BY IT UNDER INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS".

3. COUNSELOR NETHERLANDS EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFFS THAT
TURKISH EMBASSY HERE CLAIMS TO HAVE NO INFORMATION
CONCERNING THIS ACTION AND HAD QUERIED ANKARA SINCE
TURKISH EMBASSY RECEIVING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES. TASCA

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